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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Report of the Third Committee (Part V)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled:

"Human rights questions:

"(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item in conjunction with items 115 and 172 at its 36th to 55th meetings, on 17 to 19, 22 to 24, 26, 29 and 30 November and on 1, 3, 6 and 8 December 1993. Item 114 (b) was also considered at the 56th to 58th meetings on 13 and 16 December 1993.** An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/48/SR.36-58).

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* The report of the Committee on item 114 will be issued in five parts (see also A/48/632 and Add.1-3).

** See also A/48/632/Add.2.

3. For the documents before the Committee under this item, see document A/48/632.

4. At the 32nd meeting, the Chairman, following consultations with the delegations of the Third Committee, made the following proposal, which was accepted by the Committee (see A/C.3/48/SR.32):

"To establish the open-ended working group of the Third Committee which will undertake as a matter of priority the consideration of the question of the establishment of a High Commissioner for Human Rights for the promotion and protection of all human rights, and will also consider other aspects of the implementation of the recommendations of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, as set out in paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Declaration.

"The open-ended working group will be transparent, be supported with conference services, including interpretation and documentation, and work with a view to achieving consensus.

"Accordingly, the working group will start its deliberations by considering the question of the establishment of a High Commissioner for Human Rights, with a view to completing this consideration by the end of the work of the Third Committee.

"Upon the completion of this issue, the working group will consider other aspects of the implementation of the recommendations of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, as set out in paragraphs 17 and 18 of part II of the said Declaration.

"The Permanent Representative of Ecuador, Ambassador José Ayala Lasso, will be the Chairman of the working group."

5. The Working Group held meetings on 15, 18, 22, 24, 26 and 30 November 1993 and 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10 and 11 December 1993.

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/48/L.59 and proposed amendments contained in document A/C.3/48/L.79

6. On 29 November 1993, the representative of the United States of America submitted a draft resolution entitled "Establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" (A/C.3/48/L.59). The text of the draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recognizing the necessity for a continuing adaptation of the United Nations human rights machinery to the current and future needs in the promotion and protection of human rights, as reflected in the Vienna

Declaration and Programme of Action, 1/ and within the framework of a balanced and sustainable development for all people,

"Recognizing in particular that the United Nations human rights organs should improve their coordination, efficiency, and effectiveness,

"Having considered the recommendation contained in paragraph 18 of part II of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 1/

"Decides to create the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights within the framework outlined in the annex to the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to advise the General Assembly of his proposed appointment to fill this post by 1 March 1994.

"ANNEX

"Framework governing selection and operations of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

"1. Method of election and duration of term

"The High Commissioner will:

"- Be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and approved by the General Assembly;

"- Serve a four-year term, renewable on the recommendation of the Secretary-General and approval of the General Assembly for a maximum of one four-year period;

"- Hold a rank equivalent to that of an Under-Secretary-General.

"In considering the appointment of a High Commissioner, the Secretary-General will be guided by the considerations set down in Article 101.3 of the Charter of the United Nations.

"2. Personal qualifications of a High Commissioner

"The High Commissioner will be a person of high moral standing with the expertise, the personal independence, the requisite knowledge and understanding of diverse cultures, and the integrity necessary for the impartial and effective performance of the duties of High Commissioner.

"3. Framework and guiding principles

"In the performance of his/her mandate and functions, the High Commissioner will:

1/ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

"- Be guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 2/ other international instruments on human rights, and international law;

"- Attach priority to cooperation for the promotion and protection of human rights;

"- Observe the importance of acting with discretion and of seeking to secure the full cooperation of the State concerned;

"- Act on the basis that all human rights are universal, indivisible and interrelated, and that, while the significance of various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, it is the duty of States, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems, to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"- Demonstrate impartiality and objectivity in the implementation of his/her mandate;

"- Recognize the importance of promoting balanced and sustainable development for all people, and of the relationship between human rights, democracy and development as elaborated in the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action. 1/

"4. Mandate and functions of the High Commissioner

"The High Commissioner will be the United Nations official with principal responsibility for the promotion and protection of all human rights. Within the framework of the overall competence, authority and decisions of the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, the High Commissioner's responsibilities will include:

"(a) The promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including:

"(i) The effective enjoyment by all of their civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights;

"(ii) Elimination and prevention of violations of all human rights around the world;

"(b) The coordination of:

"(i) Human rights activities of the United Nations system and of the human rights dimensions of other United Nations activities, including, inter alia, in the areas of peace-keeping, electoral

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2/ Resolution 217 A (III).

assistance and developmental activities, in conformity with the recommendations of appropriate organs;

"(ii) The adaptation and strengthening of the United Nations machinery in the field of human rights with a view to improving its efficiency and effectiveness;

"(iii) Through the Centre for Human Rights and other relevant units and organizations, the provision of advisory services and technical assistance to Member States in the field of human rights at the request of the State concerned;

"(iv) The strengthening of United Nations human rights education and public information programmes for the promotion and protection of all human rights;

"(c) Responsibility for:

"(i) The overall supervision of the Centre for Human Rights and other United Nations offices as may be designated by the Secretary-General;

"(ii) The presentation of recommendations to relevant bodies of the United Nations system with a view to improving the promotion and protection of all human rights;

"(iii) Implementing the relevant recommendations of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

"(iv) Implementation of the decisions of the competent organs of the United Nations system in the field of human rights;

"(v) In appropriate cases, initiating within the framework of the overall authority of the Secretary-General, and with due regard for the value of proceeding with discretion and of keeping the Commission on Human Rights apprised as appropriate of his/her actions:

"- Contacts with Governments;

"- The dispatch of fact-finding missions with the consent of States concerned;

"- Provision of assistance to Governments at their request;

"- Other appropriate action to prevent serious violations of human rights;

"(vi) Representing the Secretary-General in connection with his responsibilities for liaison and coordination of United Nations activities in the field of human rights with those of other bodies of the United Nations system;

"(vii) The annual submission to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Economic and Social Council of a preliminary report, and to the General Assembly of a final report, on his/her activities and recommendations in accordance with his/her mandate.

"5. Human and financial resources

"The Secretary-General is called upon to ensure that appropriate resources are provided to the High Commissioner to enable him/her to fulfil this mandate."

7. On 3 December, the representative of Malaysia submitted proposed amendments (A/C.3/48/L.79) to draft resolution A/C.3/48/L.59, which read as follows:

"A. Add the following preambular paragraphs:

"1. Reaffirming its commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

"2. Emphasizing the responsibilities of all States, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, to promote and encourage respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

"3. Emphasizing the need to observe the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and for the full implementation of the human rights instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Declaration on the Right to Development,

"4. Considering that the promotion and the protection of all human rights is one of the priorities of the international community,

"5. Recalling that one of the purposes of the United Nations enshrined in the Charter is to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights,

"6. Reaffirming the commitment contained in Article 56 of the Charter of the United Nations to take joint and separate action in cooperation with the United Nations for the achievement of the principles set forth in Article 55 of the Charter,

"7. Aware that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that, as such, they should be given the same emphasis,

"8. Emphasizing the need for the promotion and protection of all human rights to be guided by the principles of impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity in the spirit of constructive international dialogue and cooperation,

"9. Reaffirming its commitment to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993,

"10. Convinced that the World Conference on Human Rights made an important contribution to the cause of human rights and that its recommendations should be implemented as appropriate, through effective action by all States, the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations,

"11. Recognizing that the activities of the United Nations in the field of human rights should be rationalized and enhanced in order to strengthen the United Nations machinery in this field,

"12. Acknowledging the importance of strengthening the provision of advisory services and technical assistance by the Centre for Human Rights and other relevant programmes and bodies of the United Nations system for the purpose of the promotion and protection of all human rights,

"B. Replace the first preambular paragraph with the following:

"13. Reaffirming the necessity for a continued adaptation of the United Nations human rights machinery to the current and future needs in the promotion and protection of human rights and the need to improve their coordination, efficiency and effectiveness, as reflected in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and within the Framework of a balanced and sustainable development for all people,

"C. Replace the second preambular paragraph with the following:

"14. Determined to strengthen, adapt and streamline the existing mechanisms to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms while avoiding unnecessary duplications,

"D. Add the following preambular paragraph:

"15. Reaffirming that the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights are the responsible organs for decision and policy-making for the promotion and protection of all human rights,

"E. Maintain the third preambular paragraph.

"F. Replace operative paragraph 1 with the following:

"Decides to create the post of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

"G. Replace the entire annex of A/C.3/48/L.59 with the following operative paragraphs:

"2. Decides that the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall:

"(a) Be a person of a high moral standing and personal integrity and shall possess expertise, including in the field of human rights, with a general knowledge and understanding of diverse cultures, necessary for impartial, objective, non-selective and effective performance of the duties of the High Commissioner;

"(b) Be appointed by the Secretary-General and approved by the General Assembly, with due regard to geographical rotation, and have a fixed term of four years with a possibility of one renewal for another fixed-term of four years;

"(c) Be of the rank of Under-Secretary-General;

"3. Decides that the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall:

"(a) Function within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, other international instruments of human rights and international law, including the obligations, within this framework, to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and domestic jurisdiction of States and to promote the universal respect and observance of all human rights;

"(b) Be guided by the recognition that all human rights, civil, cultural, economic, political and social, are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and, while the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, it is the duty of States, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems, to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"(c) Act within a framework of a balanced and sustainable development for all people without conditions and of securing realization of the right to development as established in the Declaration on the Right to Development;

"(d) Act, where the particular interest of a Member State is concerned, at the request and on the basis of the consent of the State concerned;

"(e) Demonstrate impartiality, objectivity, non-selectivity and non-politicization in the implementation of his mandate;

"(f) Recognize that the use of human rights as a condition for international cooperation for development is incompatible with the promotion and protection of human rights;

"4. Decides that the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be the United Nations official with principal responsibility for United Nations human rights activities under the direction of the Secretary-General; within the framework of the overall competence, authority and decisions of the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, the High Commissioner's responsibilities shall include:

"(a) Promoting the effective enjoyment of all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development;

"(b) Monitoring the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development, inter alia, by working closely with the Working Group on the Right to Development, established by Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/22 of 4 March 1993, and make recommendations to fulfil the objectives of the Declaration on the Right to Development;

"(c) Carrying out the tasks assigned to him/her by the competent bodies of the United Nations system in the field of human rights and to make recommendations to them with a view to improving the promotion and protection of all human rights;

"(d) Provision, through the Centre for Human Rights and other appropriate institutions, of advisory services and technical and financial assistance, at the request of the State concerned;

"(e) Coordination of relevant United Nations education and public information programmes in the field of human rights;

"(f) Playing a catalytic role in promoting the realization of the right to development by mobilizing the support and capabilities of the international financial/development institutions;

"(g) Playing an active role in the elimination and prevention of violations of all human rights around the world, as reflected in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

"(h) Remaining, under the direction of the Secretary-General and in accordance with the mandate, in contact with Governments with a view to promoting and protecting all human rights;

"(i) Enhancing international cooperation for the promotion and protection of all human rights;

"(j) Coordination of the human rights promotion and protection activities throughout the United Nations system;

"(k) Rationalization, strengthening and streamlining of the United Nations machinery in the field of human rights, with a view to improving its efficiency and effectiveness;

"(l) Overall supervision of the Centre for Human Rights;

"5. Requests the High Commissioner for Human Rights to report annually to the Commission on Human Rights, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

"6. Decides that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall be located at Geneva and shall have a liaison office in New York;

"7. Requests that the Secretary-General provide appropriate staff and resources to enable the High Commissioner to fulfil his/her mandate, without diverting resources from the development programmes and activities of the United Nations;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

8. At the 57th meeting, on 16 December, the representative of the United States of America withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/48/L.59. The representative of Malaysia also withdrew the proposed amendments (A/C.3/48/L.79) to draft resolution A/C.3/48/L.59.

B. Draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/48/L.85

9. At the 56th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. José Ayala Lasso (Ecuador), introduced the report of the Working Group (A/C.3/48/L.85). The report of the Working Group contained a draft resolution for consideration by the Third Committee, entitled "High Commissioner for the promotion and protection of all human rights".

10. At the 57th meeting, on 16 December, the Chairman of the Working Group orally revised the draft resolution recommended for adoption by the Working Group in its report, by inserting, before the fourth preambular paragraph, a new preambular paragraph, which read:

"Reaffirming that the right to development is a universal and inalienable right which is a fundamental part of the rights of the human person,".

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/48/L.85, as orally revised, by consensus (see para. 14).

12. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Chile (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Indonesia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Hungary, Costa Rica, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Australia, Malaysia, Slovenia, India, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Pakistan, China, Nigeria, Canada and New Zealand (see A/C.3/48/SR.57) and by Poland, Austria and Hungary and the Chairman of the Working Group (see A/C.3/48/SR.58).

13. Also at the 57th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of reports considered under the item entitled "Human rights questions" (see para. 15).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

14. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

High Commissioner for the promotion and protection of all human rights

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Emphasizing the responsibilities of all States, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, to promote and encourage respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Emphasizing the need to observe the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 3/ and for the full implementation of the human rights instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 4/ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 4/ as well as the Declaration on the Right to Development, 5/

Reaffirming that the right to development is a universal and inalienable right which is a fundamental part of the rights of the human person,

Considering that the promotion and the protection of all human rights is one of the priorities of the international community,

Recalling that one of the purposes of the United Nations enshrined in the Charter is to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights,

Reaffirming the commitment contained in Article 56 of the Charter of the United Nations to take joint and separate action in cooperation with the United Nations for the achievement of the purposes set forth in Article 55 of the Charter,

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3/ Resolution 217 A (III).

4/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

5/ Resolution 41/128, annex.

Emphasizing the need for the promotion and protection of all human rights to be guided by the principles of impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, in the spirit of constructive international dialogue and cooperation,

Aware that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that as such they should be given the same emphasis,

Reaffirming its commitment to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 6/ adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993,

Convinced that the World Conference on Human Rights made an important contribution to the cause of human rights and that its recommendations should be implemented through effective action by all States, the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in cooperation with non-governmental organizations,

Acknowledging the importance of strengthening the provision of advisory services and technical assistance by the Centre for Human Rights and other relevant programmes and bodies of the United Nations system for the purpose of the promotion and protection of all human rights,

Determined to adapt, strengthen, and streamline the existing mechanisms to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms while avoiding unnecessary duplication,

Recognizing that the activities of the United Nations in the field of human rights should be rationalized and enhanced in order to strengthen the United Nations machinery in this field and to further the objectives of universal respect for observance of international human rights standards,

Reaffirming that the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights are the responsible organs for decision- and policy-making for the promotion and protection of all human rights,

Reaffirming the necessity for a continued adaptation of the United Nations human rights machinery to the current and future needs in the promotion and protection of human rights and the need to improve their coordination, efficiency and effectiveness, as reflected in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and within the framework of a balanced and sustainable development for all people,

Having considered the recommendation contained in paragraph 18 of part II of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

1. Decides to create the post of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

2. Decides that the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall:

6/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

(a) Be a person of high moral standing and personal integrity and shall possess expertise, including in the field of human rights, and the general knowledge and understanding of diverse cultures necessary for impartial, objective, non-selective and effective performance of the duties of the High Commissioner;

(b) Be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and approved by the General Assembly, with due regard to geographical rotation, and have a fixed term of four years with a possibility of one renewal for another fixed term of four years;

(c) Be of the rank of Under-Secretary-General;

3. Decides that the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall:

(a) Function within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 4/ other international instruments of human rights and international law, including the obligations, within this framework, to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and domestic jurisdiction of States and to promote the universal respect for and observance of all human rights, in the recognition that, in the framework of the purposes and principles of the Charter, the promotion and protection of all human rights is a legitimate concern of the international community;

(b) Be guided by the recognition that all human rights - civil, cultural, economic, political and social - are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that, while the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, it is the duty of States, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems, to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Recognize the importance of promoting a balanced and sustainable development for all people and of ensuring realization of the right to development, as established in the Declaration on the Right to Development; 5/

4. Decides that the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be the United Nations official with principal responsibility for United Nations human rights activities under the direction and authority of the Secretary-General; within the framework of the overall competence, authority and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, the High Commissioner's responsibilities shall be:

(a) Promoting and protecting the effective enjoyment by all of all civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights;

(b) Carrying out the tasks assigned to him/her by the competent bodies of the United Nations system in the field of human rights and making recommendations to them with a view to improving the promotion and protection of all human rights;

(c) Promoting and protecting the realization of the right to development and enhancing support from relevant bodies of the United Nations system for this purpose;

(d) Providing, through the Centre for Human Rights and other appropriate institutions, advisory services and technical and financial assistance, at the request of the State concerned and, where appropriate, the regional human rights organizations, with a view to supporting actions and programmes in the field of human rights;

(e) Coordinating relevant United Nations education and public information programmes in the field of human rights;

(f) Playing an active role in removing the current obstacles and in meeting the challenges to the full realization of all human rights and in preventing the continuation of human rights violations throughout the world, as reflected in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action; 6/

(g) Engaging in a dialogue with all Governments in the implementation of his/her mandate with a view to securing respect for all human rights;

(h) Enhancing international cooperation for the promotion and protection of all human rights;

(i) Coordination of the human rights promotion and protection activities throughout the United Nations system;

(j) Rationalization, adaptation, strengthening and streamlining of the United Nations machinery in the field of human rights with a view to improving its efficiency and effectiveness;

(k) Overall supervision of the Centre for Human Rights;

5. Requests the High Commissioner for Human Rights to report annually on his/her activities, in accordance with his/her mandate, to the Commission on Human Rights and, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly;

6. Decides that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall be located at Geneva and shall have a liaison office in New York;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to provide appropriate staff and resources from within the existing and future regular budgets of the United Nations, to enable the High Commissioner to fulfil his/her mandate, without diverting resources from the development programmes and activities of the United Nations;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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15. The Third Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Reports considered under the item entitled "Human rights questions"

The General Assembly decides to take note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee Against Torture; 7/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights; 8/

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission to Verify the Referendum in Eritrea; 9/

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes; 10/

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture; 11/

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights; 12/

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on financing and adequate staff resources for operations of the human rights treaty bodies; 13/

(h) Note by the Secretary-General on the right to development; 14/

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/48/44).

8/ A/48/92-S/25341.

9/ A/48/283.

10/ A/48/425.

11/ A/48/520.

12/ A/48/556.

13/ A/48/560.

14/ A/48/576.

(i) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon; 15/

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat; 16/

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections. 17/

15/ A/48/577.

16/ A/48/589.

17/ A/48/590.